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Re:

MM Docket No. 87-268

Channel 3/Channel 8

Farmington/Gallup, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of KOB-TV, L.L.C., are an original and four copies of a Petition for Further Reconsideration with regard to the Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration of the Sixth Report and Order, FCC 98-24, released February 23, 1998, whereby Commission changed the community of allotment listed for Station KOFT(TV) (NTSC Channel 3/DTV Channel 8) from Gallup to Farmington, New Mexico.

Should any question arise concerning this matter, please communicate with the undersigned.

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### PETITION FOR FURTHER RECONSIDERATION

KOB-TV, L.L.C., licensee of KOB-TV, Albuquerque, and KOBF(TV), Farmington ("KOB-TV"), both New Mexico, by its attorneys, hereby requests that the Commission reconsider its action in its *Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration of the Sixth Report and Order*, FCC 98-24, released February 23, 1998 ("*Order on Reconsideration*"), whereby in Appendix B the Commission changed the community of allotment listed for Station KOFT(TV) from Gallup to Farmington, New Mexico. With respect thereto, the following is stated:

Pulitzer Broadcasting Company ("Pulitzer"), the licensee of KOFT(TV), has been seeking for some time to have its currently authorized NTSC channel, Channel 3, reallotted from Gallup to Farmington, New Mexico. It instituted a rule making proceeding, MM Docket 92-81, RM-7875, seeking this reallotment. That rule making proceeding remains pending.<sup>1</sup>

As the record reflects, on March 29, 1996, over two years ago, KOB-TV filed a Petition for Reconsideration in the Gallup/Farmington rule making proceeding. In that Petition for Reconsideration, KOB-TV raised serious questions of lack of good faith and an abuse of the

While the Commission, on January 15, 1998, granted Pulitzer's application for modification of construction permit for KOFT(TV), File No. BMPCT-960408KF, the underlying rule making proceeding whereby the channel is to be reallotted to Farmington remains pending. On February 23, 1998, KOB-TV filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the grant of the modification application.

Commission's processes on the part of Pulitzer. By now listing both the NTSC and DTV channels for KOFT(TV) as being allotted to Farmington rather than Gallup, the Commission, in Appendix B to the *Order on Reconsideration*, the DTV Table of Allotments, appears to be prejudging the issues still pending in the MM Docket No. 92-81 proceeding. Until there is a final order of the Commission reallotting KOFT(TV)'s NTSC Channel 3 from Gallup to Farmington, the Commission's DTV Table of Allotments should continue to specify that both the NTSC and DTV channels currently are allotted to Gallup, not Farmington.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Barbara Lyle, a secretary in the law firm of Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Petition for Further Reconsideration" was sent this 20th day of April, 1997, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid to:

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